

In the claims:

Claims 1-8 canceled.

9. (new) A device for cleaning up oil spills attachable to a ship for cleaning up a crude, the device comprising a pair of arms coupleable to a side of a hull of the ship at a water line level, each of said arms having a casing with a substantial semi-circular configuration, and an open top, and a front edge extending into a baffle positioned downwards and forwards to facilitate access to a floating crude into said casing; a containment partition projecting upwardly and forwardly with a sufficient height to prevent the crude from rising above each of said arms; a screw housed in said casing and with its movement causing the crude to move; a collection tank arranged on an end of each of said arms and into which the crude is caused to move by said screw, said collection tank being connectable to the hull of the ship from where the crude is aspirated toward an inside of the ship.

10. (new) A device as defined in claim 9, wherein said tank has a side wall provided for fitting to the ship and having a top free edge with a hinge for hingedly connecting said tank to a plate movable vertically by guides provided on the hull of the ship.

11. (new) A device as defined in claim 9, wherein said casing includes a plurality of planar sheets with longitudinal edges bent for joining them together and defining a substantially semi-circumferential profile, said sheets, like said baffle and said container partition being modular along each of said arms and joined together with evenly distributed members selected from the group consisting of brackets and ties that are fixed to an outer side.

12. (new) A device as defined in claim 11, wherein said screw is modular and has a shaft which shaft ends provided with means for axial and tongue and groove coupling between said portions at connection points, said brackets opposite said connection points between said portions of said shaft having a front extension ending in a sleeve in which said shaft acts.

13. (new) A device as defined in claim 11, wherein each of said arms has a slightly forwardly inclined position so as to favor moving the crude toward the hull of the ship and is provided with a plurality of floats located between said brackets at a lower level and with another float located on its free end.

14. (new) A device as defined in claim 9, further comprising means for coupling each of said arms to a corresponding side of the hull of the ship in a mid area and including at least one element selected from the group consisting of

a tie and a cable guided from a free end of each of said arms to the hull and absorbing stresses to which said arm is subjected, wherein a plurality of intermediate cables are evenly distributed along each of said arms to cooperate with said cable.

15. (New) A device as defined in claim 9, wherein each of said collection tanks has two compartments separated from one another by an intermediate partition, further comprising pumps for lifting collected wastes and pumps for emptying water carried to a respective one of said tanks, and a motor operating said screw of a respective one of said arms and located in said tank.

16. (new) A device as defined in claim 9; and further comprising a plate on which each of said collection tanks and a corresponding one of said arms is assembled in a swiveling manner, each of said plates being provided with a restricted opening grooves which are complementary with guides integral with the hull of the ship, said grooves being configured to cooperate with front and longitudinal male projections provided on the hull of the ship.

Please provide the following new abstract of the disclosure:

A device for cleaning up oil spills attachable to a ship for cleaning up a crude, has a pair of arms coupleable to a side of a hull of the ship at a water line level, each of the arms having a casing with a substantial semi-circular configuration, and an open top, and a front edge extending into a baffle positioned downwards and forwards to facilitate access to a floating crude into the casing, a containment partition projecting upwardly forwardly with a sufficient height to prevent the crude from rising above each of the arms, a screw housed in the casing and with its movement causing the crude to move, a collection tank arranged on an end of each of the arms and into which the crude is caused to move by the screw, the collection tank being connectable to the hull of the ship from where the crude is aspirated toward an inside of the ship.